

Urgent Request Made By Major Sylvester For More Policemen

Superintendent Submits Report to District Commissioners.

Several Much Needed Improvements Sought for Department.

In the report of Maj. Richard Sylvester, Superintendent of Police, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1907, submitted to the Commissioners today, are contained recommendations looking toward a better police protection for the District, an increase in the force, the improvement of the station houses, the establishment of an inebriate asylum, and the adoption of more stringent regulations regarding the governing of clubs in which liquor is sold.

Attention is called also to the extent to which cocaine and other poisons are sold, notwithstanding the strict enforcement of the new pharmacy law, and recommendation is made that the law be amended, making it a violation for anyone not a licensed druggist, physician, or dentist, or veterinarian to have in his possession any narcotic drug or drugs except upon the prescription of a licensed physician.

Force Consists of 731 Officers.

The aggregate population of the District, says the report, is 225,000, of whom 224,405 are white and 595 are colored. On July 1 the authorized police force consisted of 731 men, but there were twelve vacancies on that date, so that the number was reduced to 719. These men, aside from watching the property, preserving the peace and arresting criminals, are charged with the enforcement of several hundred police regulations.

"In order," says the report, "to accomplish what is expected and what should be done, a well organized police force is maintained, but it is deficient in numbers. The situation is such, that in order to control the directing authority must continually borrow from one contingent of the force to, in any proper manner, obtain compliance with the laws and regulations. That is, the shortage of force requires that one locality be left partly unprotected while protection is afforded another."

Protection Is Diminished.

"Police protection in the day time is further diminished, and very materially so, by the necessity for privates who should be doing a well-organized police in attendance upon the police courts to prosecute cases where arrests were made after 10 o'clock on the previous day. There have been days when the police patrol force in a precinct was reduced in this manner to two or three men, which means that they had to cover all the beats within their district. The beats or area of patrol are about twice the extent during the day that they are the greater period of the night. Some of them embrace sixty or seventy squares, while in the outlying localities many of them are more extended."

The business section including Pennsylvania avenue, F and G street, and Seventh, Fourteenth and Fifteenth streets, and Connecticut avenue, should be so closely patrolled as to permit of a member of the force being called into requisition without long search and delay. It is not the part of wise provision that a citizen may not succeed in finding more than one or two patrolmen between the United States Capitol and the Treasury, in a distance of fully a mile.

Outskirts Need Protection.

Dense population and close area requires a strong police, but an extended area with an extended population should have a much larger force. The merchant or official whose home is in the outskirts of the city, leaves his family for the day, without assistance close at hand, and he is entitled to just as

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THE WEATHER REPORT.

It is much warmer in the South, and the temperatures are well above the seasonal average; elsewhere temperature changes were small and, as a rule, unimportant.

The eastward movement of a disturbance, now over Lake Superior, may cause local rains tonight or Sunday from the lower Lake region and upper Ohio valley eastward; elsewhere in the East and South the weather will be generally fair tonight and Sunday.

It will be warmer tonight in the upper Ohio valley, the lower Lake region, and the middle Atlantic States.

The winds along the middle Atlantic coast will be light fresh breeze from the west; on the south Atlantic coast light to fresh southerly; on the east Gulf coast light to fresh southerly, and on the lower Lakes fresh to brisk south-west to west.

Steamers departing today for European ports will have light to fresh southwesterly winds with fair weather to the Grand Banks.

TEMPERATURE.	
9 a. m.	41
12 m.	43
1 p. m.	43
2 p. m.	44
SUN TABLE.	
Sun sets today	4:52
Sun rises tomorrow	6:35
TIDE TABLE.	
High water today	10:45 p. m.
Low water today	4:40 a. m.
High water tomorrow	11:15 a. m.
Low water tomorrow	5:38 a. m.

HARPERS FERRY, W. Va., Nov. 9.—Potomac muddy and Shenandoah cloudy.

DRUCE WITNESS IS DISCREDITED BY DUKE'S SIDE

Past Life of Robert Caldwell, of New York, Investigated.

Intense Excitement Over Suit of \$500,000,000 Estate.

LONDON, Nov. 9.—Detectives employed by attorneys for Lord De Walden are delving deeply into the past of Robert Caldwell, the New Yorker who says he engineered a mock funeral for Thomas Charles Druce, a petty tradesman, that the latter, who was really, Caldwell asserts, the fifth Duke of Portland, might disappear as Druce and become a duke again.

The duke's descendants are striving desperately to "punch holes" in George Hollamby Druce's story that he is a descendant of Portland-Druce and entitled to a \$500,000,000 estate inherited by De Walden from the duke.

One of the things the detectives hope to disprove is Caldwell's claim that he treated the late Kaiser for the throat trouble which subsequently caused his death. If they can show this assertion to be untrue they believe it will cast discredit on the American's story that he met Portland-Druce many times while curing him of an enlargement of the nose.

They are also looking up facts in connection with Caldwell's story of an alleged plot by which the latter says A. T. Stewart's widow was deprived of most of her husband's estate. They have an idea that they may be able to upset his assertion that Judge Hilton destroyed Stewart's original will, drew another one, afterward confessed to Mrs. Stewart in writing what he had done, and finally got his confession back through an agent in her house.

Caldwell's affidavit that Stewart's body was stolen from the cemetery and the widow was compelled to sacrifice an immense sum to get it back, is also under close scrutiny.

The detectives are said to be at work both in Germany and America, and developments from their investigation are expected shortly in the trial of H. Druce's case against De Walden.

American Swears Duke of Portland Was T. C. Druce

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—International interest has been aroused by the amazing testimony of Robert Caldwell, of Richmond, Staten Island, in the Druce perjury trial in the Marylebone police court, London, involving the alleged dual personality of the fifth Duke of Portland and his \$500,000,000 estate.

Mr. Caldwell has been termed "the great American affidavit-maker" and several months ago his alleged acquaintance with the Duke of Portland was exploited in American newspapers. Despite the sobriquet he testified that he had never made but two affidavits in his life, one in the Druce case and the other in connection with the Stewart estate and the theft of Stewart's body.

Robert Caldwell is seventy-one years old. Several years ago he was a familiar figure on Staten Island and for two or three years lived with his daughter, Miss Georgiana Caldwell, at Clifton.

No one knew what the old man did for a living and no one could find out, despite persistent hints and questions. Eight years ago they stored their furniture and disappeared.

Last summer they reappeared and rented rooms over the Woman's Exchange at St. George's. Miss Caldwell had been appointed librarian of the Carnegie library of St. George's and began her duties a week after her father, in July, had made public his affidavit regarding the identity of the Duke of Portland and T. C. Druce.

He told in the affidavit of having been afflicted with a bulbous nose, touring the world for a cure, and finally discovering it and making a friend of the Duke of Portland by imparting it to him.

If Mr. Caldwell was cured, however, residents of Staten Island think he must have had an enormous bad case of a nose, as his nose the last year they saw him, was still the most conspicuous thing about him. He has white hair and mustache, a grim, determined face, and is still vigorous.

One of the startling features of the trial is the alleged connection of Charles Dickens with the Druce case, and the question, did the Druce case suggest to the great novelist the unfinished novel, "The Mystery of Edwin Drood," which deals with the dual existence of a man.

The Dickens family has issued a disclaimer of any knowledge that Dickens knew the Duke of Portland, but the world for a time was still the most conspicuous thing about him. He has white hair and mustache, a grim, determined face, and is still vigorous.

A long passage in the diary is devoted to the story he is alleged to have told of the duke's identity with Druce. Dickens had the same partially for a man with Druce and the Duke of Portland. An underground passage between Dickens' house at Gads Hill and his summer house, some distance away, is still in existence.

TWO LOSE LIVES IN FIRE.

CHARLESTON, W. Va., Nov. 9.—The five-story building on Kanawha street, owned and occupied by Buffum Brothers, wholesale grocers, was destroyed by fire yesterday, causing a loss of two lives and more than \$100,000. John Polay, a fireman, and John Dewey, shipping clerk, were caught by falling floors and buried under tons of debris. Firemen Haggerty, Clark, and Botkin were also struck by flying debris and injured, but not fatally.

New German Prince Arrives in Berlin



GEN. BOOTH SAILS; CHEERING CROWD BIDS GODSPEED

LABOR LEADERS MEET PRESIDENT AT WHITE HOUSE

Men With Megaphones Shout His Farewell Words to Thousands.

Chief Executive Pleased After Conference on Industrial Matters.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—To the music of several bands and the cheering of thousands, Gen. William Booth, head of the Salvation Army, sailed today for London, after completing what will probably be his last tour of the United States and Canada. He left on the American liner St. Louis.

General Booth and his daughter, Commander Eva Booth, drove to the Fulton street pier in an automobile. As the motor car came in view there was a wild cheer from the Salvation Army men, to which General Booth responded with bows to right and left.

"Long Life to General!" "Heaven guard our general!" "Hallelujah!" and "Glory!" were some of the shouts greeting the great leader.

General Booth ordered his car stopped as the thousands took up the army song and standing bare headed joined in the chorus. As the big liner headed down the river the band struck up "God Be With Thee" and "Till We Meet Again."

Before saluting General Booth said: "You have all come here with kindness in the five weeks, I have been among you. I love you all. I pray for your salvation. I pray for the salvation of the President, of the government of poor England, of the police here and of you all."

Will Come Back If He Can.

"If I live I shall come back to visit you. If I die I shall come back if they let me."

General Booth's last night in New York was devoted to a farewell meeting held in city hall plaza. Standing on the steps of the city hall General Booth spoke a few farewell words to the thousands who had gathered to bid him "good-by." Four city lugged Salvation Army men, armed with megaphones, repeated his words so that every syllable of his parting utterances was carried to every person in the huge crowd.

\$1.25 to Baltimore and Return

Every Saturday and Sunday via Pennsylvania Railroad. Tickets good returning until Sunday night. All regular trains except "Congressional Limited."

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—A gas explosion in the home of Charles Drekel, in Bristol street, Brooklyn, nearly caused the death of Drekel and his nineteen-year-old son today.

The explosion occurred in the bathroom door, which had been jammed shut by the explosion, a second explosion occurred. Both officers were badly burned, but they managed to drag out the Drekel. Rescued and rescuers were sent to St. Mark's Hospital.

LOVER SLAYS WOMAN

Children Grasp Mother's Skirts as She Falls Dead.

Waits Till Husband Leaves—Bursts Into Room.

Refusal to Abandon Home for Him the Cause.

NEW YORK, Nov. 9.—Mrs. Dora Stebel, a pretty matron of thirty-one years, was shot down and killed as she sat at breakfast with her two young children today by Joseph Schmolowitz, an old sweetheart of hers, because she had refused to answer his ardent love letters, begging her to leave her husband.

Schmolowitz had waited until Isadore Stebel, the husband, left the Stebel home, in Williamsburg, to go to work in Manhattan. Then he rushed up the stairs, burst into the dining-room, and, without a word, drew his revolver and fired.

Children See Tragedy.

The first shot struck Mrs. Stebel in the arm, and she rose, screaming, from the table. The children, crying in affright, grasped their mother's skirts. Then Schmolowitz fired a second time. The mother fell dead, with a bullet through her heart. The two children, a boy and a girl, of nine and seven, lay at her feet as Schmolowitz dashed out of the flat and down the stairs.

The shots had aroused the whole neighborhood, which is thickly populated, and by the time Schmolowitz reached the street there was an excited crowd gathering, and as he was seen to run from the house the crowd gave chase. Alexander Goldstein saw the chase and leaping from the car quickly was at the head of the pursuers and grappled with Schmolowitz a block farther down the street.

Views His Victim.

Detectives Slesner and Baddington took him back to the Stebel home and made him stand facing the body of his victim and her two children.

Julius, the elder of the children, sprang at the murderer of his mother and tried to beat him with his little fists. In response to the questions of the detectives, he declared that Schmolowitz was the man who had killed his mother and this was corroborated by his little sister Esther.

The police learned that Schmolowitz had only recently come here from Cleveland, Ohio.

POWERS' FOURTH TRIAL BEGINS IN KENTUCKY

GEORGETOWN, Ky., Nov. 9.—Caleb Powers, Republican secretary of State under Gov. William S. Taylor, in jail for the past seven years on the charge of complicity in the murder of Gov. William Goebel, and tried three times on that charge, will face his fourth trial here Monday.

The presiding judge, James H. Morris, was appointed by the Democratic governor, Beckman, to hear the case.

Kentucky Sheriff Dead; Connected With the Trial; 26 Have Horrible Deaths

LEXINGTON, Ky., Nov. 9.—William A. Rodgers, former deputy sheriff of Scott county, is dead from consumption.

Rodgers was deputy sheriff at the last trial of Caleb Powers, when Powers was sentenced to hang for complicity in the murder of Senator William Goebel. Rodgers assisted in summing the jury that found Powers guilty. The jury was composed of eleven partisan Democrats and one Republican. Rodgers' death marks the twenty-sixth person directly interested in the prosecution of Powers who has either died a violent death or who has had some great misfortune happen to himself or to his family.

FINED FOR LACK OF LICENSE.

On the evidence of Detective Hartigan in Police Court this morning, George Richards was fined \$5 for failure to renew his license to keep a dumping can in the rear of 3250 Water street northwest. The judge gave warning the fine would be increased unless the matter is attended to at once.

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